

The Special Budget Planning Meeting of the Mohawk Area Board of Directors was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by the President, Mark Hiler with the following members present: Eugene A. Butch, Jr., James Capalbo, Stephen Cardella, Lori L. Griffin, James McKim, Scott Singer and Mark Solley. Jonathan Laughner was absent. Superintendent, Mr. Michael Leitera, Assistant to the Superintendent, Lorree Houk, Elementary Principal, Bradlee Meehan, Assistant Elementary Principal, George Spurdute, Solicitor, John R. Seltzer, and Board Secretary, Kimberly Eaton, also attended.

An executive session was held from prior to this meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Mr. Lou Greco addressed the board; he inquired if the board would continue to purchase physical therapy services from the Midwestern Intermediate Unit #4.

Mr. Leitera stated that the Midwestern Intermediate Unit does not guarantee a specific therapist. He stated the Intermediate Unit's prices have sky-rocketed and the District is in monetary tough times. Mr. Leitera stated he is looking into various vendors or possibly renewing the contract. He said the parent is welcome to talk with him.

Ms. Jody Huston addressed the board; she inquired about her child completing a scheduling card. She inquired if the same classes will be offered next year.

Mrs. Houk stated that the guidance counselors are asking children to complete cards in case alternate classes are needed. She explained that "bum up day" did not occur. Mrs. Houk stated we are a small school and that we often adjust schedules.

Ms. Amy Houser addressed the board; she suggested the fund balance be used for expenditures and to give the teachers a year to plan.

Ms. Angie Ramage addressed the board; she expressed her children's teachers were on the furlough list. She stated the elementary classes need to remain small. She gave letters written by her two children to the board of directors.

Discussion Item:

1. Mr. Leitera stated that there is a new requirement. Coaches are now required to have training on First Aid and coaching principles. He stated that the Athletic Director looked into purchasing packages and he found a vendor who was offering it at \$90/package. This is an unfunded governmental mandate. Mr. Leitera stated he will look into an electronic version versus a hardcopy version and he will try to reduce the cost. Much discussion incurred.

It was announced that an executive session for personnel and legal matters would immediately follow the meeting.

At 10:04 P.M., Mr. Capalbo motioned approval of adjournment and Mr. Cardella seconded the motion.

Kimberly J. Eaton
Board Secretary